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Michael J. Yellin et al. :

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For

THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS FOR THE ANTI-T

BAM (CD40-L) MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY 5C8 IN

THE TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

New York, New York August 2, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the April 2, 2001 Office Action issued in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for responding to that action for one month, up to and including, August 2, 2001 and have paid the corresponding extension of time fee.

IN THE ABSTRACT*

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

^{*}The amendments to the Abstract and Claims are indicated in Appendix A hereto, using brackets for text deleted and underscoring for text added.